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 For: PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE Date: January 23, 2004  
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## Amendment Transmittal Letter

Commissioner For Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

## Claims As Amended

|   | Claims<br>Remaining After<br>Amendment |       | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid<br>For |   | Present<br>Extra | Rate    | Additional Fee |
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 25, 2003,  
the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.